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Back cover illustration: the heroic name plaque of Australia's Hawksbury River Bridge (1886-1946), its only surviving fabric. Photograph by D. Fraser, New South Wales.